West Virginia
Economic Summary

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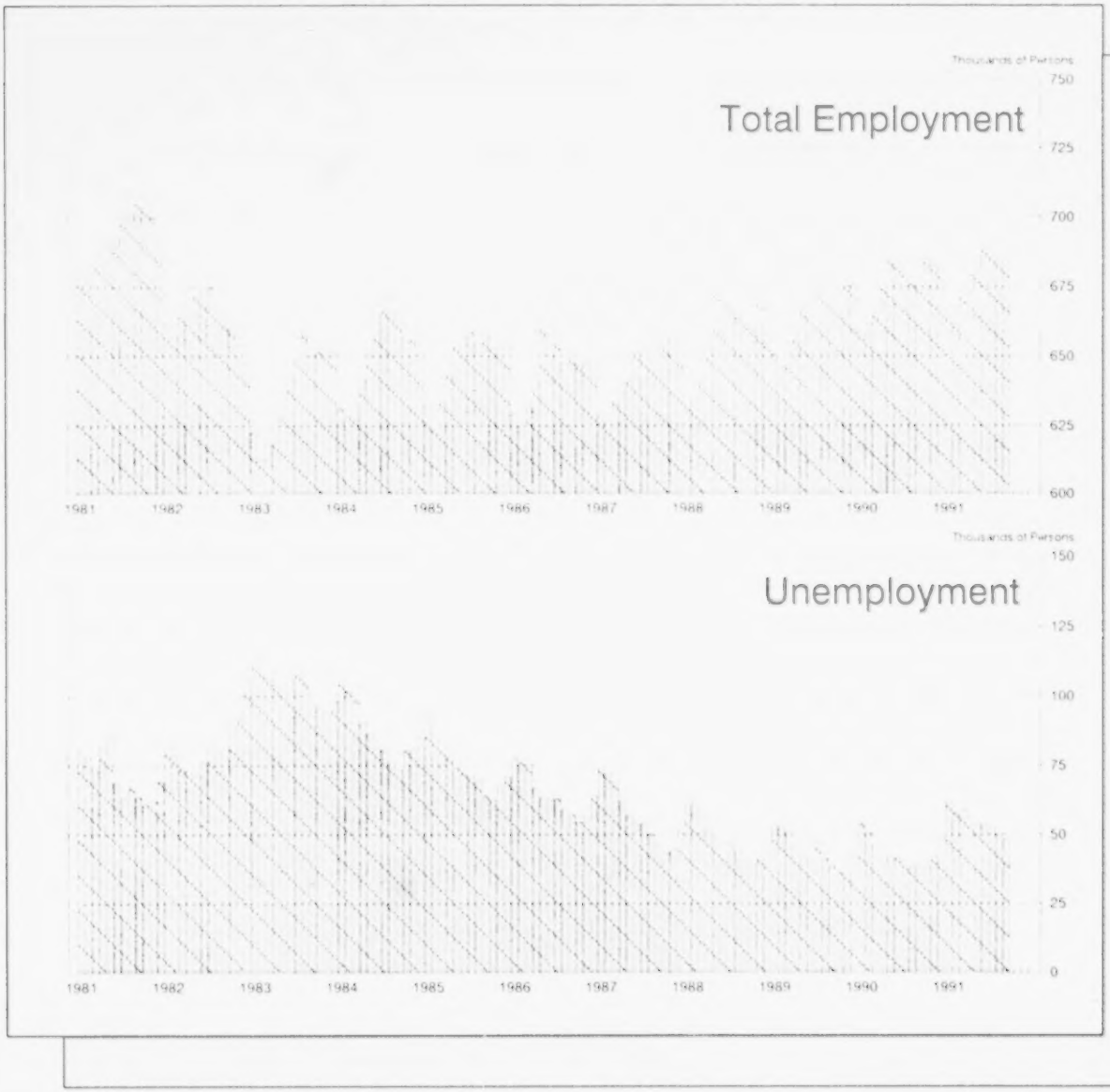

West Virginia Economic Indicators

	Sept. 1991	Aug. 1991	Sept. 1990
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	40.9	40.4	40.9
Seasonally Adjusted	41.0	40.7	41.1
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,588	2,561	2,695
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$483.03	$473.89	$471.58
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	45.7	46.3	45.4
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$823.97	$851.92	$824.92
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	13,438	14,668	13,904
Seasonally Adjusted	12,895	13,812	13,342
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,144	1,137	1,147
Seasonally Adjusted	1,141	1,130	1,144
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	5,176	6,975	6,149
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,005	1,111	927
Seasonally Adjusted	1,279	1,177	1,179
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,444	1,779	1,348
Seasonally Adjusted	2,009	1,989	1,876
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	3.2	3.5	2.2
Seasonally Adjusted	4.5	4.3	3.0
Total Unemployment Rate, Seasonally Adjusted (WV Series)	7.6	7.5	6.0

NOTE: Data for prior month and year may be revised from previously published figures.

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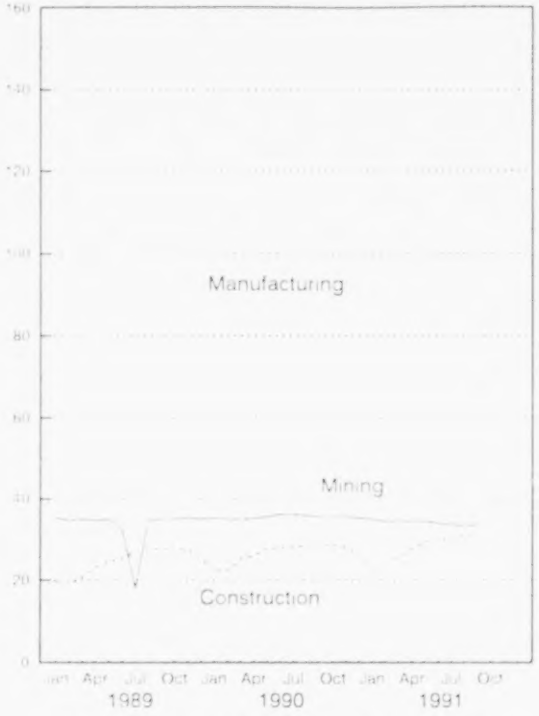
Selected National Data

	Sept. 1991	Aug. 1991	Sept. 1990
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	6.4	6.5	5.5
Seasonally Adjusted	6.7	6.8	5.7
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	137.2	136.6	132.7
1967 Base	411.1	409.2	397.5
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods			
Unadjusted, 1982 Base	121.3	121.7	120.4
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000) Week including 12th, Unadjusted	341.9	344.2	322.9
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	2.6	2.8	2.0
Seasonally Adjusted	3.1	3.1	2.4

Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

Goods Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



Service Producing Employment

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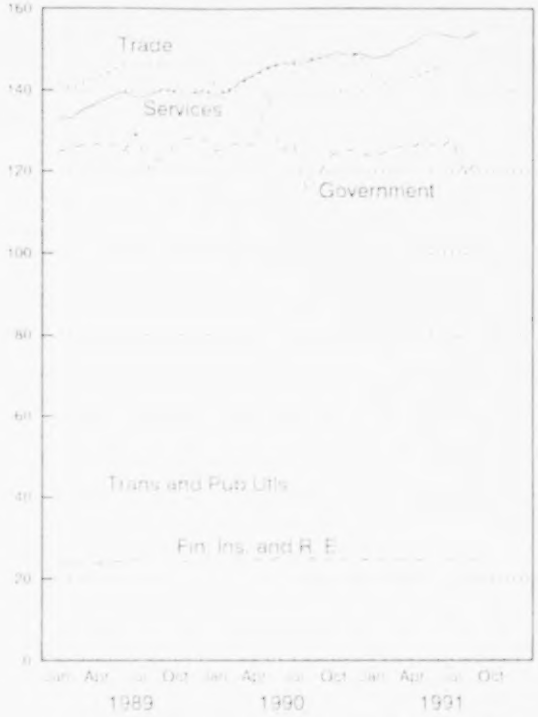
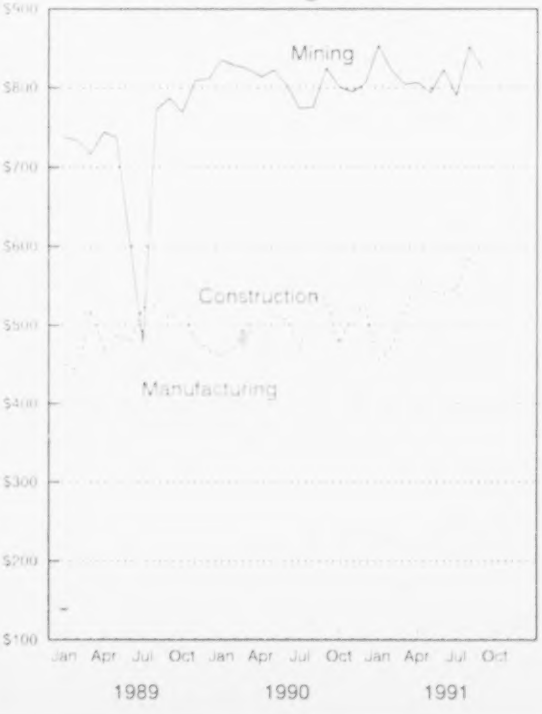


Average Weekly Earnings

Goods Producing Industries



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Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force In West Virginia

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Change From: Aug. 1991	Change From: Sep. 1990
Civilian Labor Force	734.6	734.8	716.7	-0.2	17.9
Total Employment	686.1	684.6	679.1	1.5	7.0
Total Unemployment	48.5	50.2	37.6	-1.7	10.9
Unemployment Rate	6.6	6.8	5.3	XX	XX

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Civilian Labor Force	776.7	787.0	772.3	-10.3	4.4
Total Employment	702.7	704.7	700.6	-2.0	2.1
Total Unemployment	74.0	82.3	71.7	-8.3	2.3
Unemployment Rate	9.5	10.5	9.3	XX	XX

EMPLOYMENT: Total employment increased 1,500 between August and September, due largely to seasonal education additions. There were 686,100 state residents who held jobs in September 1991, 7,000 more than a year ago.

Goods-producing industries showed only minor changes between August and September (+100 in mining, -200 in construction and -200 in manufacturing), with manufacturing's recessionary losses in metals and chemicals being partially offset by employment recalls in the electrical equipment and the stone, clay and glass sectors. Among the service-producing industries, seasonal gains at schools were the dominant force behind job increases of 1,800 in state government, 1,400 in local government and 1,300 in private sector educational services. The autumn educational expansion mentioned above, plus a 700 addition to social services, which includes sheltered workshops with a seasonal pattern similar to schools, helped boost the private services industry by 1,600. The end of summer caused seasonal employment reductions in the tourism-sensitive industries of amusements, hotels and restaurants, which lost 200 each. Trade and the transportation and public utilities group each experienced seasonally typical losses of 500 as well.

Compared with September of last year, nonfarm payroll employment is ahead by 3,800, which is good news in the wake of a national recession. The shift from a goods-producing to a service-producing economy continues, however, as the goods-producing industries altogether lost 2,900 employees since September of last year while the service-producing industries enjoyed a net gain of 6,700.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total resident-based unemployment declined by 1,700 during September, to a level of 48,500 statewide. The rate of unemployment dropped to 6.6 percent for September, down from 6.8 percent in August. The monthly improvements are largely seasonal. The impact of the national recession is still evident in comparison with last September's lower rate of 5.3 percent and 10,900 fewer unemployed persons.

Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia Production Workers, Select Industries

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Manufacturing	$483.03	$473.89	$471.58	40.9	40.6	40.9	$11.81	$11.73	$11.53
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	437.02	448.87	423.26	39.3	39.1	39.3	11.12	11.48	10.77
Primary Metals Industries	647.28	632.16	631.03	43.5	42.8	43.7	14.88	14.77	14.44
Fabricated Metal Products	409.16	426.36	426.70	37.4	38.1	39.6	10.94	11.19	10.83
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	508.61	506.74	481.89	41.2	41.6	40.7	12.34	12.26	11.84
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	592.72	591.67	505.72	44.7	45.2	40.2	13.26	13.09	12.58
Chemicals & Allied Products	761.66	705.60	698.10	45.6	45.0	44.1	16.26	15.68	15.83
Coal Mining	823.97	851.92	824.92	45.7	46.3	45.6	18.03	18.40	18.17
Construction	567.89	586.85	535.08	39.3	40.5	39.0	14.44	14.49	13.72

Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

September 1991

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Change From: Aug. 1991	Sep. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	632.4	628.9	628.6	3.5	3.8
PRIVATE SECTOR	509.9	509.6	508.8	0.3	1.1
GOODS-PRODUCING	147.8	148.1	150.7	-0.3	-2.9
Mining	33.5	33.4	35.6	0.1	-2.1
Coal Mining	28.0	27.9	29.9	0.1	-1.9
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.5	4.5	4.7	0.0	-0.2
Other Mining	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	30.6	30.8	28.6	-0.2	2.0
General Building Contractors	7.1	7.3	7.1	-0.2	0.0
Heavy Construction	9.1	9.1	9.1	0.0	0.0
Special Trade Contractors	14.4	14.4	12.4	0.0	2.0
Manufacturing	83.7	83.9	86.5	-0.2	-2.8
Durable Goods	45.8	45.9	48.7	-0.1	-2.9
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.9	7.9	7.7	0.0	0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.6	7.4	7.5	0.2	0.1
Primary Metals Industries	13.3	13.5	14.9	-0.2	-1.6
Fabricated Metal Products	5.3	5.4	5.4	-0.1	-0.1
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	4.9	5.0	5.8	-0.1	-0.9
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.6	2.4	2.6	0.2	0.0
Transportation Equipment	1.9	2.0	2.5	-0.1	-0.6
Other Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	37.9	38.0	37.8	-0.1	0.1
Food & Kindred Products	4.2	4.3	4.2	-0.1	0.0
Textile Mill Products	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.1	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	4.3	4.2	4.3	0.1	0.0
Paper & Allied Products	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.0	0.1
Printing & Publishing	5.0	5.0	5.1	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	17.6	17.8	17.7	-0.2	-0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	4.7	4.7	4.6	0.0	0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	484.6	480.8	477.9	3.8	6.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	37.0	37.5	37.7	-0.5	-0.7
Railroad Transportation	3.7	3.7	3.9	0.0	-0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	9.2	9.4	9.5	-0.2	-0.3
Other Transportation	3.6	3.6	3.7	0.0	-0.1
Communications	8.1	8.2	8.2	-0.1	-0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.4	12.6	12.4	-0.2	0.0
Trade	145.9	146.4	147.7	-0.5	-1.8
Wholesale Trade	30.1	30.2	30.3	-0.1	-0.2
Retail Trade	115.8	116.2	117.4	-0.4	-1.6
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	5.3	5.3	5.0	0.0	0.3
General Merchandise Stores	16.1	16.3	16.0	-0.2	0.1
Food Stores	22.7	22.7	22.6	0.0	0.1
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.5	14.5	15.3	0.0	-0.8
Apparel & Accessory Stores	5.0	5.1	6.8	-0.1	-1.8
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.2	4.2	4.4	0.0	-0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	16.2	16.4	16.0	-0.2	0.2
Miscellaneous Retail	11.8	11.7	11.3	0.1	0.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.8	24.8	24.8	0.0	0.0
Finance	14.1	14.2	14.0	-0.1	0.1
Insurance	6.4	6.3	6.5	0.1	-0.1
Real Estate	4.3	4.3	4.3	0.0	0.0
Services	154.4	152.8	147.9	1.6	6.5
Agricultural Services	2.6	2.6	2.5	0.0	0.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	9.4	9.6	8.9	-0.2	0.5
Personal Services	6.3	6.2	6.2	0.1	0.1
Business Services	14.5	14.5	14.5	0.0	0.0
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.2	6.2	6.3	0.0	-0.1
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	6.4	6.6	6.5	-0.2	-0.1
Health Services	58.2	58.2	55.7	0.0	2.5
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.9	10.9	10.3	0.0	0.6
Hospitals	29.1	29.2	28.0	-0.1	1.1
Other Health Services	18.2	18.1	17.4	0.1	0.8
Legal Services	4.4	4.4	4.0	0.0	0.4
Educational Services	5.3	4.0	4.9	1.3	0.4
Social Services	11.9	11.2	9.6	0.7	2.3
Membership Organizations	19.6	19.6	19.6	0.0	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	8.8	8.8	8.5	0.0	0.3
Other Services	0.8	0.9	0.7	-0.1	0.1
Government	122.5	119.3	119.8	3.2	2.7
Federal	16.9	16.9	14.8	0.0	2.1
Hospitals	3.1	3.2	2.9	-0.1	0.2
U.S. Postal Service	5.1	5.1	5.0	0.0	0.1
Other Federal	8.7	8.6	6.9	0.1	1.8
State	36.3	34.5	35.7	1.8	0.6
Hospitals	2.5	2.5	2.6	0.0	-0.1
Education	14.9	12.7	14.1	2.2	0.8
Other State	18.9	19.3	19.0	-0.4	-0.1
Local	69.3	67.9	69.3	1.4	0.0
Hospitals	5.0	5.1	5.0	-0.1	0.0
Education	42.9	40.5	43.4	2.4	-0.5
Other Local	21.4	22.3	20.9	-0.9	0.5
Labor-Management Dispute Status	1.7	1.7	0.7	xx	xx

Women Workers
Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

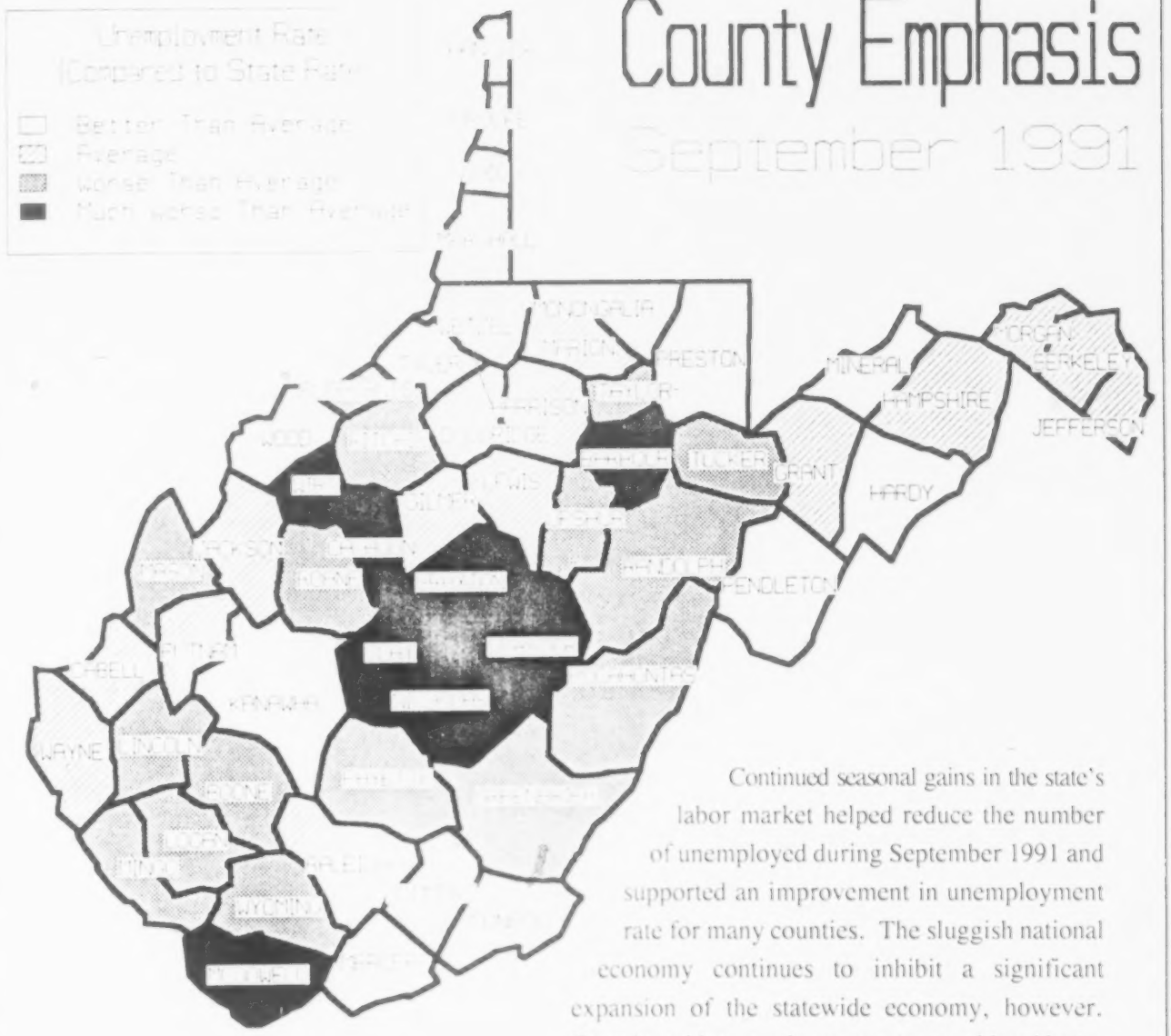
(In Thousands — Not Seasonally Adjusted)

September 1991

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Change From: Aug. 1991	Change From: Sep. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	280.0	279.2	271.7	0.8	8.3
PRIVATE SECTOR	215.5	215.8	209.9	-0.3	5.6
GOODS-PRODUCING	24.5	24.6	24.3	-0.1	0.2
Mining	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
Coal Mining	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.4	2.4	2.2	0.0	0.2
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Heavy Construction	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.1
Special Trade Contractors	1.3	1.3	1.2	0.0	0.1
Manufacturing	20.1	20.2	20.1	-0.1	0.0
Durable Goods	7.5	7.5	8.0	0.0	-0.5
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.9	0.8	-0.1	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.0	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	-0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.0	-0.2
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.1	0.0
Transportation Equipment	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.0	-0.1
Other Durable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	12.6	12.7	12.1	-0.1	0.5
Food & Kindred Products	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-0.1
Textile Mill Products	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.7	3.5	3.6	0.2	0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	3.0	3.1	3.0	-0.1	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	2.1	1.7	-0.2	0.2
SERVICE-PRODUCING	255.5	254.6	247.4	0.9	8.1
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.1	8.2	8.2	-0.1	-0.1
Trucking & Warehousing	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Other Transportation	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Communications	3.7	3.8	3.8	-0.1	-0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Trade	68.3	69.2	68.0	-0.9	0.3
Wholesale Trade	6.0	6.1	5.6	-0.1	0.4
Retail Trade	62.3	63.1	62.4	-0.8	-0.1
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	11.2	11.3	10.6	-0.1	0.6
Food Stores	12.0	12.1	11.5	-0.1	0.5
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.6	3.6	3.5	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	4.2	4.3	5.7	-0.1	-1.5
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.5	1.5	1.4	0.0	0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	21.0	21.4	20.5	-0.4	0.5
Miscellaneous Retail	7.8	7.9	8.3	-0.1	-0.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.3	15.4	15.5	-0.1	-0.2
Finance	11.0	11.1	10.8	-0.1	0.2
Insurance	2.9	2.8	3.0	0.1	-0.1
Real Estate	1.4	1.5	1.7	-0.1	-0.3
Services	99.3	98.4	93.9	0.9	5.4
Agricultural Services	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	5.1	5.2	4.7	-0.1	0.4
Personal Services	4.1	4.0	3.8	0.1	0.3
Business Services	7.3	7.3	7.0	0.0	0.3
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	-0.1
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	2.9	3.1	2.9	-0.2	0.0
Health Services	48.1	47.8	45.9	0.3	2.2
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	9.9	9.7	8.9	0.2	1.0
Hospitals	24.1	24.1	23.2	0.0	0.9
Other Health Services	14.1	14.0	13.8	0.1	0.3
Legal Services	3.5	3.5	3.1	0.0	0.4
Educational Services	2.7	1.9	2.8	0.8	-0.1
Social Services	8.6	8.3	6.8	0.3	1.8
Membership Organizations	11.2	11.5	11.2	-0.3	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	3.2	3.2	3.1	0.0	0.1
Government	64.5	63.4	61.8	1.1	2.7
Federal	7.2	7.2	6.1	0.0	1.1
Hospitals	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.0	0.1
U.S. Postal Service	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
Other Federal	4.1	4.1	3.2	0.0	0.9
State	16.8	16.4	16.4	0.4	0.4
Hospitals	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.0	-0.1
Education	7.9	6.6	7.1	1.3	0.8
Other State	7.2	8.1	7.5	-0.9	-0.3
Local	40.5	39.8	39.3	0.7	1.2
Hospitals	4.2	4.3	4.1	-0.1	0.1
Education	29.0	27.8	28.1	1.2	0.9
Other Local	7.3	7.7	7.1	-0.4	0.2

County Emphasis

September 1991



Continued seasonal gains in the state's labor market helped reduce the number of unemployed during September 1991 and supported an improvement in unemployment rate for many counties. The sluggish national economy continues to inhibit a significant expansion of the statewide economy, however. Counties with unemployment rates considered better than average include Pendleton (3.2), Monongalia (3.3), Ohio (4.0), Hardy (4.1), Mineral (4.2), Kanawha (4.8), Tyler (5.0), Preston (5.4), Wood (5.5), Doddridge (5.6), Morgan (5.7), and Gilmer (5.7).

Counties with unemployment rates regarded as much worse than average were beneficiaries of the statewide labor market gains as well. This list continues to dwindle and currently comprises Clay (10.7), Calhoun (10.7, Nicholas (11.2), Wirt (11.9), Webster (13.0), Braxton (13.0), Barbour (14.6), and McDowell (16.3).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)**

September 1991
(Revised August 1991 in parentheses)

THESE LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DESIGNED TO BE USED FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	4,860	(4,480)	4,150	(3,760)	710	(720)	14.6	16.1
Berkeley	28,890	(28,990)	27,190	(27,140)	1,710	(1,850)	5.9	6.4
Boone	8,240	(8,400)	7,480	(7,590)	760	(810)	9.2	9.6
Braxton	5,090	(5,160)	4,430	(4,430)	660	(730)	13.0	14.2
Brooke	10,280	(10,330)	9,660	(9,640)	620	(690)	6.0	6.7
Cabell	43,140	(43,330)	40,610	(40,860)	2,530	(2,460)	5.9	5.7
Calhoun	2,710	(2,720)	2,420	(2,430)	290	(290)	10.7	10.6
Clay	3,010	(3,030)	2,690	(2,670)	320	(370)	10.6	12.2
Doddridge	2,250	(2,280)	2,130	(2,160)	120	(120)	5.3	5.3
Fayette	16,320	(16,190)	14,850	(14,690)	1,470	(1,500)	9.0	9.3
Gilmer	2,870	(2,930)	2,710	(2,680)	160	(250)	5.6	8.5
Grant	4,750	(4,750)	4,410	(4,400)	340	(350)	7.2	7.4
Greenbrier	14,980	(15,060)	13,820	(14,040)	1,160	(1,020)	7.7	6.8
Hampshire	7,400	(7,500)	6,920	(7,020)	480	(480)	6.5	6.4
Hancock	13,810	(13,770)	12,930	(12,910)	880	(860)	6.4	6.2
Hardy	6,030	(6,090)	5,790	(5,850)	250	(240)	4.1	3.9
Harrison	28,010	(28,370)	26,070	(26,420)	1,930	(1,960)	6.9	6.9
Jackson	9,980	(9,980)	9,350	(9,260)	620	(720)	6.2	7.2
Jefferson	20,210	(19,960)	18,800	(18,590)	1,410	(1,370)	7.0	6.9
Kanawha	97,540	(97,500)	92,370	(92,670)	4,670	(4,830)	4.8	5.0
Lewis	7,270	(7,380)	6,800	(6,900)	470	(480)	6.5	6.5
Lincoln	7,300	(7,380)	6,640	(6,670)	660	(720)	9.0	9.8
Logan	13,390	(13,430)	12,210	(12,180)	1,180	(1,260)	8.8	9
McDowell	6,530	(6,740)	5,470	(5,530)	1,060	(1,210)	16.	18
Marion	21,860	(21,780)	20,210	(20,080)	1,650	(1,700)	7.5	7.8
Marshall	14,560	(14,530)	13,560	(13,570)	1,000	(970)	6.9	6.7
Mason	9,800	(9,980)	9,000	(9,160)	800	(830)	8.2	8.3
Mercer	25,610	(25,440)	24,040	(23,900)	1,560	(1,540)	6.1	6.1
Mineral	10,360	(10,270)	9,930	(9,780)	430	(490)	4.2	4.8
Mingo	10,770	(10,850)	9,930	(9,920)	840	(930)	7.8	8.6
Monongalia	39,730	(39,010)	38,420	(37,520)	1,310	(1,490)	3.3	3.8
Monroe	5,230	(5,320)	4,870	(4,950)	360	(370)	6.9	(6.9
Morgan	5,070	(5,100)	4,780	(4,770)	290	(320)	5.7	6.
Nicholas	8,900	(9,030)	7,900	(7,930)	1,000	(1,100)	11.2	(12.2
Ohio	23,930	(23,840)	22,980	(22,990)	950	(850)	4.0	(3.6
Pendleton	4,030	(4,090)	3,900	(3,930)	130	(170)	3.2	4.1
Pleasants	2,150	(2,210)	1,940	(1,960)	210	(250)	9	(11.3
Pocahontas	4,570	(4,620)	4,190	(4,230)	370	(390)	8.2	(8.
Preston	12,650	(12,420)	11,970	(11,690)	680	(730)	5.4	(5.9
Putnam	16,660	(16,660)	15,580	(15,550)	1,080	(1,110)	6.	(6.
Raleigh	27,460	(27,580)	25,500	(25,550)	1,960	(2,030)	7.1	(7.4
Randolph	11,420	(11,180)	10,320	(10,190)	1,110	(980)	9.7	(8.8
Ritchie	5,250	(5,270)	4,850	(4,860)	410	(410)	7.7	(7.7
Roane	4,870	(4,870)	4,380	(4,370)	490	(510)	10.0	(10.4
Summers	4,170	(4,220)	3,900	(3,950)	260	(270)	6.3	(6.4
Taylor	5,570	(5,740)	5,110	(5,180)	460	(560)	8.2	(9.7
Tucker	3,620	(3,660)	3,320	(3,360)	300	(300)	8.2	(8.1
Tyler	4,770	(4,870)	4,540	(4,580)	240	(280)	5.0	(5.8
Upshur	8,430	(8,190)	7,620	(7,170)	830	(1,020)	9.8	(12.4
Wayne	15,760	(15,780)	14,570	(14,660)	1,190	(1,120)	7.6	(7.1
Webster	2,980	(3,060)	2,590	(2,600)	390	(450)	13.0	(14.7
Wetzel	9,420	(9,590)	8,870	(8,960)	550	(640)	5.8	(6.6
Wirt	2,190	(2,180)	1,930	(1,950)	260	(230)	11.9	(10.6
Wood	41,160	(41,020)	38,910	(38,810)	2,250	(2,210)	5.5	(5.4
Wyoming	6,750	(6,710)	6,080	(5,950)	670	(750)	9.9	(11.2
Statewide	734,600	(734,800)	686,100	(684,600)	48,500	(50,200)	6.6	(6.8)

All data have been revised to March 1990 benchmark.

*The West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(BLS Series Labor Force Data – Using U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Methodology)**

September 1991
(Revised August 1991 in parentheses)

APPROVED BY THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL FUNDS AND DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	5,330	(5,050)	4,250	(3,870)	1,080	(1,180)	20.2	(23.3)
Berkeley	30,450	(30,970)	27,840	(27,930)	2,610	(3,040)	8.6	(9.8)
Boone	8,810	(9,140)	7,660	(7,810)	1,150	(1,330)	13.1	(14.5)
Braxton	5,550	(5,730)	4,540	(4,620)	1,010	(1,110)	18.3	(19.4)
Brooke	10,840	(11,050)	9,890	(9,920)	950	(1,130)	8.8	(10.2)
Cabell	45,450	(46,100)	41,590	(42,070)	3,860	(4,030)	8.5	(8.7)
Calhoun	2,920	(2,970)	2,470	(2,500)	440	(470)	15.2	(15.9)
Clay	3,250	(3,350)	2,760	(2,740)	490	(600)	15.2	(18.0)
Doddridge	2,370	(2,420)	2,180	(2,220)	190	(200)	8.1	(8.3)
Fayette	17,450	(17,590)	15,210	(15,120)	2,240	(2,460)	12.9	(14.0)
Gilmer	3,030	(3,130)	2,780	(2,880)	250	(250)	8.2	(7.9)
Grant	5,040	(5,100)	4,520	(4,530)	530	(570)	10.4	(11.2)
Greenbrier	15,930	(16,120)	14,160	(14,450)	1,770	(1,670)	11.1	(10.3)
Hampshire	7,820	(8,020)	7,090	(7,230)	730	(790)	9.4	(9.8)
Hancock	14,590	(14,700)	13,250	(13,290)	1,340	(1,410)	9.2	(9.6)
Hardy	6,300	(6,410)	5,930	(6,020)	370	(390)	5.9	(6.1)
Harrison	29,660	(30,390)	26,710	(27,200)	2,950	(3,190)	9.9	(10.5)
Jackson	10,530	(10,720)	9,580	(9,530)	950	(1,190)	9.0	(11.1)
Jefferson	21,410	(21,380)	19,250	(19,130)	2,160	(2,250)	10.1	(10.5)
Kanawha	102,240	(103,310)	95,120	(95,390)	7,110	(7,920)	7.0	(7.7)
Lewis	7,680	(7,890)	6,960	(7,100)	710	(790)	9.3	(10.0)
Lincoln	7,810	(8,030)	6,800	(6,860)	1,000	(1,170)	12.8	(14.6)
Logan	14,300	(14,590)	12,510	(12,540)	1,790	(2,060)	12.5	(14.1)
McDowell	7,220	(7,670)	5,600	(5,690)	1,620	(1,980)	22.4	(25.8)
Marion	23,220	(23,460)	20,690	(20,670)	2,530	(2,780)	10.9	(11.9)
Marshall	15,420	(15,550)	13,890	(13,970)	1,530	(1,580)	9.9	(10.2)
Mason	10,430	(10,780)	9,210	(9,430)	1,220	(1,350)	11.7	(12.6)
Mercer	27,010	(27,190)	24,630	(24,500)	2,380	(2,690)	8.8	(9.9)
Mineral	10,820	(10,870)	10,170	(10,060)	660	(800)	6.1	(7.4)
Mingo	11,450	(11,740)	10,170	(10,210)	1,280	(1,530)	11.2	(13.0)
Monongalia	41,350	(41,060)	39,350	(38,620)	2,000	(2,440)	4.8	(5.9)
Monroe	5,540	(5,700)	4,990	(5,090)	550	(600)	9.9	(10.6)
Morgan	5,340	(5,440)	4,900	(4,910)	440	(530)	8.3	(9.7)
Nicholas	9,610	(9,960)	8,090	(8,170)	1,520	(1,800)	15.8	(18.0)
Ohio	24,990	(25,050)	23,530	(23,660)	1,460	(1,390)	5.8	(5.5)
Pendleton	4,190	(4,320)	4,000	(4,040)	200	(270)	4.6	(6.3)
Pleasants	2,310	(2,430)	1,990	(2,020)	330	(410)	14.1	(17.0)
Pocahontas	4,870	(5,000)	4,290	(4,350)	570	(650)	11.7	(12.9)
Preston	13,300	(13,230)	12,260	(12,030)	1,040	(1,200)	7.8	(9.1)
Putnam	17,600	(17,830)	15,960	(16,000)	1,640	(1,820)	9.3	(10.2)
Raleigh	29,110	(29,630)	26,120	(26,300)	2,990	(3,330)	10.3	(11.2)
Randolph	12,250	(12,100)	10,570	(10,490)	1,690	(1,610)	13.8	(13.3)
Ritchie	5,580	(5,670)	4,970	(5,010)	620	(660)	11.1	(11.7)
Roane	5,230	(5,320)	4,490	(4,490)	750	(830)	14.3	(15.6)
Summers	4,400	(4,500)	4,000	(4,060)	400	(440)	9.1	(9.8)
Taylor	5,930	(6,240)	5,230	(5,330)	700	(910)	11.8	(14.6)
Tucker	3,850	(3,950)	3,400	(3,460)	450	(490)	11.8	(12.4)
Tyler	5,010	(5,180)	4,650	(4,720)	360	(470)	7.2	(9.0)
Upshur	9,070	(9,060)	7,810	(7,380)	1,260	(1,670)	13.9	(18.5)
Wayne	16,740	(16,920)	14,920	(15,090)	1,820	(1,830)	10.8	(10.8)
Webster	3,240	(3,420)	2,650	(2,680)	590	(740)	18.2	(21.7)
Wetzel	9,920	(10,260)	9,080	(9,220)	840	(1,040)	8.5	(10.1)
Wirt	2,370	(2,380)	1,970	(2,000)	400	(380)	16.7	(15.9)
Wood	43,280	(43,570)	39,860	(39,950)	3,420	(3,610)	7.9	(8.3)
Wyoming	7,250	(7,360)	6,220	(6,130)	1,020	(1,240)	14.1	(16.8)
Statewide	776,700	(787,000)	702,700	(704,700)	74,000	(82,300)	9.5	(10.5)

All data have been revised to March 1990 benchmark.

*Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	114.2	114.2	111.9
Employment	108.5	108.2	107.5
Unemployment	5.7	5.9	4.4
Rate (%)	5.0	5.2	4.0
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	127.0	127.6	124.4
Employment	120.2	121.0	119.7
Unemployment	6.9	6.6	4.6
Rate (%)	5.4	5.2	3.7
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	70.1	70.0	68.4
Employment	67.0	66.8	65.4
Unemployment	3.2	3.2	2.9
Rate (%)	4.5	4.5	4.3
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	68.6	68.5	67.2
Employment	65.7	65.8	65.2
Unemployment	2.9	2.7	2.0
Rate (%)	4.2	4.0	3.0
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	35.8	36.4	35.3
Employment	33.3	33.8	33.1
Unemployment	2.5	2.6	2.2
Rate (%)	7.0	7.2	6.2
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	11.9	12.1	11.8
Employment	10.5	10.5	10.6
Unemployment	1.4	1.5	1.3
Rate (%)	11.7	12.8	10.8
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	52.4	51.4	50.1
Employment	50.4	49.2	48.6
Unemployment	2.0	2.2	1.5
Rate (%)	3.8	4.3	2.9
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.2	14.5	14.2
Employment	13.4	13.5	13.5
Unemployment	0.8	0.9	0.7
Rate (%)	5.6	6.4	5.2
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	20.2	20.4	20.0
Employment	18.7	19.0	18.8
Unemployment	1.5	1.4	1.2
Rate (%)	7.5	6.8	6.0

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	119.8	121.1	119.3
Employment	111.1	111.4	110.9
Unemployment	8.8	9.7	8.5
Rate (%)	7.3	8.0	7.1
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	132.9	134.7	130.4
Employment	120.5	122.2	121.7
Unemployment	12.4	12.6	8.6
Rate (%)	9.3	9.3	6.6
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	73.3	73.7	72.8
Employment	68.3	68.3	67.3
Unemployment	5.0	5.4	5.4
Rate (%)	6.8	7.3	7.5
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	71.6	71.8	70.8
Employment	67.0	67.2	67.1
Unemployment	4.6	4.6	3.8
Rate (%)	6.4	6.4	5.3
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	38.0	39.0	38.3
Employment	34.1	34.7	34.2
Unemployment	3.8	4.3	4.1
Rate (%)	10.1	11.0	10.8
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	12.9	13.4	13.3
Employment	10.7	10.8	10.9
Unemployment	2.1	2.5	2.4
Rate (%)	16.4	19.0	18.3
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	54.6	54.3	53.0
Employment	51.6	50.7	50.2
Unemployment	3.0	3.6	2.8
Rate (%)	5.6	6.7	5.3
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.9	15.4	15.3
Employment	13.7	13.9	13.9
Unemployment	1.2	1.5	1.4
Rate (%)	8.1	9.7	9.3
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	21.5	21.8	21.7
Employment	19.1	19.5	19.4
Unemployment	2.3	2.3	2.3
Rate (%)	10.8	10.4	10.6

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 400 during September 1991 in the Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area. The monthly seasonal advance occurred primarily in state (+100) and local (+200) government, resulting from the influx of noncovered student workers into the labor force. The remainder of the service-producing sector industries were mixed, with total services up by 200, while trade fell by 200 jobs. Transportation and public utilities was unchanged. The goods-producing sector advanced by 100 over the month, with construction increasing by 100 jobs. Comparison with year-ago September 1990 reveals an increase of 800, totally in the service-producing sector. Total services increased by 1,100 over the year, while most other nonfarm industries recorded slight declines or no change.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Local resident-based total unemployment fell slightly (-200) to a level of 5,700, during September 1991. The corresponding unemployment rate also declined to 5.0 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago September of 1990 reveals a substantial increase of 1,300 unemployed.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Labor Force	114.2	114.2	111.9
Employment	108.5	108.2	107.5
Unemployment	5.7	5.9	4.4
Rate (%)	5.0	5.2	4.0

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Labor Force	119.8	121.1	119.3
Employment	111.1	111.4	110.9
Unemployment	8.8	9.7	8.5
Rate (%)	7.3	8.0	7.1

NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Change From: Aug. 1991	Change From: Sep. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	113.5	113.1	112.7	0.4	0.8
PRIVATE SECTOR	93.9	93.8	92.9	0.1	1.0
GOODS-PRODUCING	18.3	18.2	18.3	0.1	0.0
Mining	2.2	2.2	2.1	0.0	0.1
Construction	5.2	5.1	5.2	0.1	0.0
Manufacturing	10.9	10.9	11.0	0.0	-0.1
Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.0	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	9.2	9.2	9.2	0.0	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	7.8	7.8	7.8	0.0	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	95.2	94.9	94.4	0.3	0.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	9.2	9.2	9.2	0.0	0.0
Trade	29.4	29.6	29.4	-0.2	0.0
Wholesale Trade	7.2	7.2	7.2	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	22.2	22.4	22.2	-0.2	0.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.5	6.5	6.6	0.0	-0.1
Services	30.5	30.3	29.4	0.2	1.1
Health Services	11.2	11.3	10.6	-0.1	0.6
Government	19.6	19.3	19.8	0.3	-0.2
Federal	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.1
State	9.2	9.1	9.3	0.1	-0.1
Local	8.5	8.3	8.7	0.2	-0.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.1	XX	XX

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Manufacturing	$627.97	$590.96	$583.81	44.6	44.6	44.6	$14.08	$13.31	$13.09
Nondurable Goods	680.61	636.61	608.81	46.3	46.6	44.7	14.70	13.73	13.62
Chemicals & Allied Products	757.92	713.94	681.16	48.0	48.7	45.9	15.79	14.66	14.84

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia;
Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area decreased by 400 during September 1991. This decline occurred in the goods-producing sector, particularly in nondurable goods (-300), and construction employment (-100). The service-producing sector was unchanged, with losses in transportation and public utilities (-600) and trade (-200) offset by seasonal gains in state (+600) and local (+200) government. The year ago comparison indicates a decline of 200 nonfarm payroll jobs from September 1990. The goods-producing sector fell by 900 from a year ago, as 1,300 jobs were lost in local manufacturing industries. Service-producing industries countered this decrease with a gain of 700 jobs. Services (+700) and trade (+700) both increased significantly from a year ago, while transportation and public utilities decreased by 800 jobs.
UNEMPLOYMENT: Resident-based total unemployment increased by 300 during September 1991. The corresponding unemployment rate increased slightly to 5.4 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with total unemployment from September 1990 reveals a significant increase of 2,300.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Labor Force	127.0	127.6	124.4
Employment	120.2	121.0	119.7
Unemployment	6.9	6.6	4.6
Rate (%)	5.4	5.2	3.7

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Labor Force	132.9	134.7	130.4
Employment	120.5	122.2	121.7
Unemployment	12.4	12.6	8.8
Rate (%)	9.3	9.3	6.8

NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Change From Aug. 1991	Change From Sep. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	111.0	111.4	111.2	-0.4	-0.2
PRIVATE SECTOR	92.6	93.8	92.8	-1.2	-0.2
GOODS-PRODUCING	26.2	26.6	27.1	-0.4	-0.9
Mining	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.0	0.1
Construction	5.3	5.4	5.0	-0.1	0.3
Manufacturing	19.3	19.6	20.6	-0.3	-1.3
Durable Goods	11.4	11.4	12.3	0.0	-0.9
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	-0.1
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	7.4	7.4	7.9	0.0	-0.5
Other Durable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.8	0.0	-0.3
Nondurable Goods	7.9	8.2	8.3	-0.3	-0.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.6	1.6	-0.1	-0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum	4.1	4.2	4.3	-0.1	-0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	2.3	2.4	2.4	-0.1	-0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	84.8	84.8	84.1	0.0	0.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.6	8.2	8.4	-0.6	-0.8
Trade	28.9	29.1	28.2	-0.2	0.7
Wholesale Trade	5.6	5.6	5.7	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	23.3	23.5	22.5	-0.2	0.8
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	4.0	4.0	3.9	0.0	0.1
Services	25.9	25.9	25.2	0.0	0.7
Health Services	10.8	10.8	10.5	0.0	0.3
Government	18.4	17.6	18.4	0.8	0.0
Federal	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	0.1
State	4.5	3.9	4.5	0.6	0.0
Local	10.9	10.7	11.0	0.2	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Manufacturing	$553.32	$570.02	$551.36	40.5	40.6	41.3	$13.75	$14.04	$13.35
Durable Goods	591.41	619.18	591.60	40.9	41.5	42.5	14.46	14.92	13.92
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	505.10	537.97	522.96	40.8	41.8	42.1	12.38	12.87	12.42
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	670.75	703.91	642.10	41.1	42.1	42.0	16.32	16.72	15.29
Nondurable Goods	497.31	496.27	490.30	39.5	39.2	39.5	12.59	12.66	12.41

Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment increased 300 in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA during September 1991. Goods-producing businesses lost 100 jobs however, with manufacturing absorbing this decline completely. The service-producing sector produced 400 new jobs for the same period. A retreat in trade (-100) was offset by a gain in services (+100) and government (+400). Comparing total nonfarm payroll employment to September 1990 reveals a growth of 1,400 jobs. Goods-producing employment improved by 200. An increase was registered in construction (+100) and manufacturing (+100). Service-producing employment expanded with 1,200 new jobs. Gains were posted in transportation and public utilities (+100), trade (+400), finance, insurance, and real estate (+100), services (+300), and government (+300).

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed was unchanged for September 1991 in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA. The unemployment rate remained at 4.5 percent of the civilian labor force. Compared to September 1990, the unemployment rate increased from 4.3 to 4.5 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Labor Force	70.1	70.0	68.4
Employment	67.0	66.8	65.4
Unemployment	3.2	3.2	2.9
Rate (%)	4.5	4.5	4.3

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Labor Force	73.3	73.7	72.8
Employment	68.3	68.3	67.3
Unemployment	5.0	5.4	5.4
Rate (%)	6.8	7.3	7.5

NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Change From: Aug. 1991	Change From: Sep. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	62.7	62.4	61.3	0.3	1.4
PRIVATE SECTOR	53.0	53.1	51.9	-0.1	1.1
GOODS-PRODUCING	17.6	17.7	17.4	-0.1	0.2
Mining	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Construction	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	0.1
Manufacturing	14.1	14.2	14.0	-0.1	0.1
Durable Goods	6.9	6.9	6.7	0.0	0.2
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.7	1.7	1.4	0.0	0.3
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	2.8	2.8	2.9	0.0	-0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	7.2	7.3	7.3	-0.1	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	5.4	5.5	5.5	-0.1	-0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	45.1	44.7	43.9	0.4	1.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	0.1
Trade	15.3	15.4	14.9	-0.1	0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.0	3.0	2.8	0.0	0.2
Retail Trade	12.3	12.4	12.1	-0.1	0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.3	2.3	2.2	0.0	0.1
Services	15.3	15.2	15.0	0.1	0.3
Health Services	4.7	4.7	4.5	0.0	0.2
Government	9.7	9.3	9.4	0.4	0.3
Federal	2.0	2.0	1.7	0.0	0.3
State	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.0	0.1
Local	6.6	6.2	6.7	0.4	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.4	XX	XX

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Manufacturing	$581.26	$570.56	$555.59	41.4	40.9	41.6	$14.04	$13.95	$13.42
Durable Goods	470.40	465.12	447.36	38.4	38.0	38.4	12.25	12.24	11.65
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	569.09	559.44	456.18	43.1	43.2	42.2	12.74	12.95	10.81
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	435.50	464.29	465.48	33.5	35.2	35.8	13.00	13.19	13.00
Nondurable Goods	715.74	692.01	672.12	45.1	44.2	44.6	15.87	15.67	15.07

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment remained stable during September 1991 in the Wheeling-Bridgeport MSA. The goods-producing sector experienced a decrease of 200 during the month. This decrease was reflected in manufacturing (-200), while mining and construction remained unchanged. The service-producing sector experienced an increase of 200 during the month of September. Services (+300) and government (+100) reflected increases, with trade (-200) experiencing a decrease. Transportation and public utilities and finance, insurance and real estate reflected no change for the month. Comparison with year-ago September 1990 data reveals that total nonfarm payroll employment experienced a slight increase (+400). The goods-producing sector showed a decrease of 400 as construction (-200) and manufacturing (-200) had decreases. The service-producing sector advanced by 800, with services (+500), government (+300) and finance, insurance and real estate (+100) all showing increases. Transportation and public utilities declined slightly (-100) with trade remaining unchanged.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment increased 200 during September 1991. The MSA unemployment rate also advanced slightly to 4.2 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago September 1990 reveals that unemployment increased by 900, while the unemployment rate rose from 3.0 percent to the current 4.2 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Labor Force	68.6	68.5	67.2
Employment	65.7	65.8	65.2
Unemployment	2.9	2.7	2.0
Rate (%)	4.2	4.0	3.0

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Labor Force	71.6	71.8	70.8
Employment	67.0	67.2	67.1
Unemployment	4.6	4.6	3.8
Rate (%)	6.4	6.4	5.3

NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Change From: Aug. 1991	Change From: Sep. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	60.8	60.8	60.4	0.0	0.4
PRIVATE SECTOR	51.7	51.8	51.6	-0.1	0.1
GOODS-PRODUCING	11.5	11.7	11.9	-0.2	-0.4
Mining	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.0	2.0	2.2	0.0	-0.2
Manufacturing	7.2	7.4	7.4	-0.2	-0.2
Durable Goods	2.8	2.9	3.0	-0.1	-0.2
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.5	4.4	-0.1	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	49.3	49.1	48.5	0.2	0.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.3	3.3	3.4	0.0	-0.1
Trade	16.2	16.4	16.2	-0.2	0.0
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.9	2.9	-0.1	-0.1
Retail Trade	13.4	13.5	13.3	-0.1	0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.1	3.1	3.0	0.0	0.1
Services	17.6	17.3	17.1	0.3	0.5
Health Services	7.8	7.8	7.7	0.0	0.1
Government	9.1	9.0	8.8	0.1	0.3
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
State	1.7	1.5	1.6	0.2	0.1
Local	6.7	6.8	6.5	-0.1	0.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Manufacturing	$725.56	$571.24	$577.15	48.5	40.2	42.5	$14.96	$14.21	$13.58
Nondurable Goods	658.59	579.09	609.22	43.5	39.8	41.5	15.14	14.55	14.68
Durable Goods	806.99	562.07	540.20	54.6	40.7	43.6	14.78	13.81	12.39

Applicants and Nonfarm Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	Applicants Available Program Year to Date 2/	Active File	NONFARM JOB OPENINGS Received Program Year to Date 2/	UNFILLED Total	UNFILLED 30 Days or More	FILLED Total	Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month
TOTAL 3/	111,362	70,807	15,381	2,321	1,424	12,350	7.2	30.5
Professional, Technical & Managerial	11,545	7,799	342	155	72	142	33.8	50.3
Clerical & Sales	29,414	18,717	2,302	696	399	1,536	12.8	26.9
Services	12,939	7,912	1,905	428	238	1,229	6.8	18.5
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	900	502	36	15	11	21	25.0	33.5
Processing	5,551	3,807	322	95	55	327	17.2	40.1
Machine Trades	7,481	5,084	305	82	49	180	24.5	62.0
Benchwork	4,783	3,221	153	74	49	98	31.3	43.5
Structural Work	18,182	11,990	723	274	199	423	25.1	43.8
Miscellaneous	23,911	13,381	9,323	502	352	8,394	2.6	26.7
Transportation	5,081	3,356	280	102	38	118	18.1	32.9
Packaging & Materials Handling	14,109	6,554	8,810	374	298	8,133	1.6	17.5
Other 4/	4,721	3,471	203	26	16	143	23.3	133.5
Entry Total 5/	18	3	0	0	0	0	xx	xx

1/ Source of Data: SAMS (State Employment Security Automated Management System); Table A96 containing fully registered applicants.
2/ Period Covered: July 1, 1991 through September 30, 1991. Program Year 1991 defined as July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992.
3/ Total excludes invalid occupational data.
4/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, and graphic art work.
5/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

State UI Program Activity	Sept. 1991	Aug. 1991	Sept. 1990	Percent Change to Sept. 1991 from: Aug. 1991	Sept. 1990
Total Initial Claims 1/	6,065	7,828	5,390	-22.5	12.5
Total Continued Weeks	78,693	81,084	51,180	-2.9	53.8
Total Benefits Paid	$10,746,812	$10,357,224	$5,966,670	3.8	80.1
Total Weeks Compensated	67,627	67,837	41,911	-0.3	61.4
Average Weekly Payment	$158.91	$152.68	$142.37	4.1	11.6
Monthly Insured Unemployment Rate 2/	3.2	3.5	2.2	xx	xx
UC Fund Balance, End of Month	$127,747,961	$137,744,214	$155,414,696	-7.3	-17.8

1/ Excluding transitional claims.
2/ Seasonally unadjusted.

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